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Education

Opening of Group III (Natural Science) of the B.A. Pass Course in the Ceded Districts College, Anantapur.

* 1601 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether provision is being made in the coming budget for the opening of Group III (Natural Science) of the B.A. Pass Course in the Ceded Districts College, Anantapur?

A.—No.

Action taken on the report of Mr. Statham on elementary and secondary education.

* 1602 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state what action the Government have taken or propose to take on the report of Mr. Statham on the question of—

- (a) Elementary education; and
- (b) Secondary education?

A.—(a) *Elementary education.*—The revision of the Madras Elementary Education Act, 1920, with reference to the recommendations of Mr. Statham, is under the consideration of Government.

(b) *Secondary education.*—The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to clauses (c) and (d) of question No. 618 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 18th October 1927. The recommendations in the report regarding grants-in-aid and subsidies are still under consideration.

Training of rural school teachers in scientific agriculture.

* 1603 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Committee mentioned in the answer to question No. 667 answered on 19th October 1927 as having formed to work out the details of training of rural school teachers in scientific agriculture has submitted its report;

- (b) if so whether it will be placed on the table of the House; and
- (c) what action he proposes to take thereon?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Committee has not yet submitted its report.

Concessions to girls in secondary schools.

* 1604 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what the approximate cost to Government would be of exempting poor girls reading up to the III form from paying school fees in accordance with the resolution on the subject passed in the Council on the 5th of November last; and

(b) whether the Government propose to compensate the aided schools for the loss of fee income resulting from such exemption being given by them?

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A.—(a) An estimate has been called for from the Director of Public Instruction.

(b) The question will be considered on receipt of the estimate referred to.

Local Boards

Report of the District Board, Kurnool, regarding the Srisailam road.

* 1605 Q.—MR. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to call for information and state—

(a) whether the report of the District Board, Kurnool, regarding the Srisailam road has been considered; and

(b) whether any provision is being made in the next budget for the work?

A.—(a) The subject is still under correspondence with the President, District Board.

(b) No.

Construction of a bridge over the Gundlakamma near Markapur.

* 1606 Q.—MR. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state after calling for information if need be—

(a) whether it is a fact that, during the rainy weather, Markapur, a taluk centre in the Kurnool district, is cut off from the rest of the district by the Gundlakamma for days together;

(b) whether, as a matter of fact, the District Collector was detained at Markapur during the last rains; and

(c) whether early steps will be taken to bridge the river to avoid this great inconvenience?

A.—(a) The river is ordinarily fordable at all seasons. Only during high floods the road communication to Markapur may be interrupted for a short period.

(b) The Government are not aware.

(c) Yes.

Preparation of the list of Local Fund Assistant Engineers

* 1607 Q.—THE RAJA OF RAMNAD: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased—

(i) to publish a list of Local Fund Assistant Engineers (first grade) according to their rank and order of seniority; and

(ii) to state—

(a) on what basis the list is prepared;

(b) whether the total service or the date of promotion to the first grade is adopted in settling the order;

(c) what are the reasons for adopting the one course or the other?

A.—Assistant Engineers are not Government servants and the Government do not propose to lay down any order of seniority for them.